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Bangkok, 22-24 April 2014

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the Ad Hoc Intergovernmental Meeting on a Regional Arrangement for the Facilitation of Cross-border Paperless Trade (section I) and the annotations thereto (section II).

I. Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the meeting:
   - (a) Opening address;
   - (b) Election of officers;
   - (c) Adoption of the agenda.
2. Update on the implementation of Commission resolution 68/3.
3. Introduction to United Nations treaties and the roles and obligations of parties.
4. Consideration of the draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade:
   - (a) Preamble;
   - (b) Substantive clauses;
   - (c) Final clauses.
5. Other matters.
6. Adoption of the revised draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.
7. Adoption of the report of the meeting.

II. Annotations

1. Opening of the meeting

(a) Opening address

A senior official from the secretariat will open the meeting and deliver an opening statement.

(b) Election of officers

The meeting will elect a chair, vice-chairs and a rapporteur.

(c) Adoption of the agenda

Documentation

Annotated provisional agenda (E/ESCAP/PTA/IGM.1/L.1)

Annotation

The meeting will consider and adopt the annotated provisional agenda, subject to such changes as may be necessary.

2. Update on the implementation of Commission resolution 68/3

Documentation

Update on the implementation of Commission resolution 68/3 (E/ESCAP/PTA/IGM.1/1)

Annotation

The document submitted by the secretariat contains a brief description of the background to Commission resolution 68/3 on enabling paperless trade and the cross-border recognition of electronic data and documents for inclusive and sustainable intraregional trade facilitation. It also contains an overview of the progress made so far in implementing the resolution, including the development of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.

3. Introduction to United Nations treaties and the roles and obligations of parties

A representative of the United Nations Office of Legal Affairs will provide an introduction to international treaties and the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, and the roles and obligations of States under international treaty law.

4. Consideration of the draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade

(a) Preamble

(b) Substantive clauses

(c) Final clauses

Documentation

Draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade (E/ESCAP/PTA/IGM.1/WP.1)

Annotation

The meeting will review and consider the draft text of a regional arrangement, which incorporates, as appropriate, the comments and suggestions received from member States during three subregional meetings and one regional meeting that were held in 2013.

5. Other matters

Under this agenda item, the meeting may wish to consider other matters.

6. Adoption of the revised draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade

Documentation

Revised draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade (E/ESCAP/PTA/IGM.1/L.2)

Annotation

The meeting will consider for adoption the draft text of a regional arrangement for the facilitation of cross-border paperless trade.

7. Adoption of the report of the meeting

Documentation

Draft report (E/ESCAP/PTA/IGM.1/L.3)

Annotation

The meeting will consider for adoption the draft report.